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57 Jews held in Moscow

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet police arrested 57 Jews in morning raids on homes and at parliamentary headquarters yesterday...

In a related Jewish development, Soviet authorities granted exit visas to five Jews, including activist journalist Viktor Fergelman...

They said plainclothes and uniformed police arrested eight Jews at home yesterday morning in what was an apparent attempt to insure an incident-free opening of the Supreme Soviet last night...

Speaking in an N.B.C. television interview yesterday, Mr. Peres said the fact that native-born Israelis are suspected of planning sabotage against their own country was "a new and shocking development."

Police performed a similar small-scale roundup before the last session of the Supreme Soviet in September. Detainees were released after the session ended.

Perelman was an economics writer for the prestigious weekly newspaper of the Soviet Writers Union, "Literary Gazette," until he applied to go to Israel and was fired. Earlier this month he was told he could get an exit visa if he paid 17,000 rubles (\$20,400) to compensate the state for the cost of his education.

'SAVAGE' RAIDS, HANOI SAYS

NIXON ORDERS ALL-OUT BOMBING

'No respite till settlement'

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon yesterday tightened the military screws on North Vietnam by resuming the full-scale bombing and mining of the country and warned there would be no respite until the Communists agreed to a settlement of the Indo-China war.

The American strikes were the first on Hanoi since October 11 and the first above the 20th parallel since October 23 when Mr. Nixon suspended them as a goodwill gesture when a cease-fire agreement seemed imminent.

The Soviet news agency Tass, in a dispatch from Hanoi, said the U.S. planes struck the city's suburbs for 40 minutes and that bombs hit less than 800 metres from the centre of the North Vietnamese capital.

Hanoi Radio had reported on Sunday night that waves of American planes resumed sowing mines at Haiphong harbour and that planes rocketed civilian targets.

Hanoi claimed to have shot down four U.S. jets but the U.S. command, as is customary in such cases, made no comment. It also said that many had been killed and wounded in the "savagely" new air strikes.

White House spokesman Ronald Ziegler said the removal of restrictions limiting the bombing to below the 20th parallel in the past two months was aimed at thwarting another North Vietnamese build-up and possible offensive in South Vietnam.

Hanoi halts talks with the U.S.

PARIS (UPI). — Hanoi yesterday suspended indefinitely the technical negotiations with the U.S. air strikes against North Vietnam, North Vietnamese diplomats said yesterday.

They said North Vietnam and the Vietcong may boycott Thursday's regular weekly Vietnam conference session to show their anger over President Nixon's order to resume air attacks.

Earlier, U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators, meeting at what is described as experts' level, talked for three hours in a follow-up meeting to the series held by Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho.

supply ships have gone instead to China to unload their cargoes, which were then transhipped by land to North Vietnam.

Mr. Laird responded to questions about the new Vietnamese developments while posing for pictures with his successor, Elliot Richardson, at the Pentagon.

North Vietnam had announced after the new mines were dropped that despite what it termed war acts to compel it to accept a peace agreement, the Communist side, including the Vietcong, would declare unilateral cease-fires of short duration for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Such cease-fires are traditional and meaningless since, without effective international supervision, they always have been marred by scores of violations.

(Reuter, UPI, AP)

Russians won't go back to Egypt

LONDON (UPI). — The Soviet Union has decided it will not return to Egypt in any active military capacity for fear of direct involvement with unpredictable consequences, East European diplomats said yesterday.

Even if asked by Cairo to return, Russia was not likely to respond in the light of disappointments in the past and dangers in the future, except on terms which Egypt would accept, the sources said.

The diplomatic sources said the Russians fear if they return in strength they might find themselves involved in some military offensive against Israel, which, they hold, Egypt is unlikely to win in the present state of its relative military adequacy.

Moscow fears if the Russians are to stand aside from any such conflict they would be blamed by the Arabs for letting them down. On the other hand if any such military action were to prove successful, the Russians would probably find themselves once more asked to go home.

But the overriding Soviet consideration was said to centre on the Kremlin's overall strategy of cooperation with the U.S. and avoidance of direct involvement in dubious military ventures — anywhere.

The sources stressed that Moscow still will keep up a degree of cooperation with Cairo, for political and economic reasons. This will include the supply of some — but not all, or abundant — spare parts for weapons delivered in the past. This would be tied up with so-called "facilities" which Russia requires and will seek to maintain.

UNUSABLE MATERIAL

Latest reports that some 40 per cent of the war material in Egypt is unusable presently and that some 100 planes have been lost since the Six Day War because of crashes in training or in combat.

The sources stressed that Moscow's reluctance to supply new large quantities of weapons. No offensive sophisticated arms are to be supplied, for political considerations and because of lack of adequate expertise to handle them, his sources reported.

Furthermore, Moscow is apparently marking time to see what happens to Sadat, whose position is considered uncertain. Whether Moscow would be more amenable toward a regime that is pro-Soviet is not clear.

The Russians have a multi-billion dollar investment in Egypt in terms of assistance with the Aswan Dam, atomic and industrial commitments and the vast variety of arms supplied in the past.

They would want some of these debts to be repaid, but at the same time intend to continue a degree of outright aid to Egypt which has not been notably cut since the pro-Moscow honeymoon came to an end, according to the sources.

Lebanon, Mart sign trade pact

RUSSELLS (Reuter). — The Common Market and Lebanon last night signed a five-year preferential trade agreement which will take effect from next January 1.

The Lebanese ambassador to the EC, Kheouan Labaki, who signed for his country, said the accord would speed up the industrial and agricultural development of Lebanon through increased trade with the EC.

Peres: Meir may visit Nixon at start of 1973

Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Golda Meir is likely to come to Washington for a meeting with President Nixon during the first quarter of 1973, the Minister of Transport and Communications, Shimon Peres, told Israeli news correspondents here yesterday.

Mr. Peres, who is in the U.S. on behalf of the U.J.A., talked to the correspondents after attending a luncheon given by Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. Among the guests were Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Joseph Sisco, Harold Saunders, in charge of Middle East affairs in the National Security Council, Herbert Stein, head of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisors, and Leonard Garment, one of Mr. Nixon's advisers on Jewish affairs.

Mr. Peres said that in his opinion it was desirable for Mrs. Meir's visit to take place after King Hussein's stated visit next year, following the presidential inauguration. He said he did not fear the

U.S. would start applying "pressure" on Israel regarding concessions towards a Middle East settlement, but the two countries should work hard at maintaining "the special relationship" that exists between them.

Expressing satisfaction at the efforts made by the U.S. in combating terrorism and plane hijacking, Mr. Peres said there was close cooperation in this matter between the two countries and Israel. He said he hoped they would come when international sanctions would be taken against countries which harbour terrorists.

Speaking in an N.B.C. television interview yesterday, Mr. Peres said the fact that native-born Israelis are suspected of planning sabotage against their own country was "a new and shocking development."

But, he added, this was an isolated incident. "Every country has its extremist circles, whose extremist borders on lunacy," he said.



Danish Foreign Minister Knud Andersen with Foreign Minister Abba Eban before they began their working session at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. (Story, page 2.)

Iran to buy 500 copters

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Iran will buy some 500 helicopters worth about \$70m. from the U.S. under an agreement reached between the two countries, informed military sources said yesterday.

They said the U.S. army would buy the helicopters from the Bell helicopter division of Textron Incorporated and then resell them to Iran.

Under the agreement, Iran, which is rapidly modernizing its armed forces, will receive 202 Cobra helicopter gunships and 287 of an advanced model of the Huey transport helicopter.

Delivery will begin in 1974, and completion of the programme was expected to take from three to five years, the sources said.

Early this year Iran agreed in principle to buy the helicopters along with many other items of military hardware. But final agreement on the specific number of aircraft and the dollar amount has only recently been reached.

Delivery of the helicopters will be preceded by a massive U.S. training programme, the sources said.

Iranian pilots and mechanics will be trained in the U.S. and a large U.S. technical mission will be despatched to Iran to familiarize the country's armed forces with the complexities of maintaining and flying the machines.

The sources refused to say what armaments will be placed in the Cobra gunship, but acknowledged that models of the machine used in Vietnam have been equipped with anti-tank missiles and rockets as well as 20 and 30mm. machine-guns.

New agitation at Cairo university

CAIRO (Reuter). — Serious agitation has broken out again in Cairo University with rival student groups attacking each other in wall newspapers, put up and then torn down by the differing factions, informed sources said yesterday.

A leaflet published by a pro-government group of students revealed that a number of Palestinian students — believed to be about seven — have been detained and are being interrogated by the authorities for allegedly forming a secret society.

President Anwar Sadat saw Interior Minister Mamdouh Salem on Sunday and is believed to have discussed the student trouble with him. The Egyptian leader also met yesterday with Sayed Marei, secretary-general of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political organization.

Marei visited Alexandria University recently after an outbreak of student agitation there which was also connected with differing views expressed in wall newspapers. The reports of this agitation were denied by Prime Minister Aziz Sidky.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

A Johannesburg-bound El Al plane returned to Led Airport at 11 p.m. last night after the pilot decided one hour out that the radio was not working properly. The plane had taken off at 8 p.m., already two hours late because of repairs to the radio. The passengers then transferred to another plane.

Agriculture stressed in Soviet budget

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday announced a 1973 budget of \$219,600m. that stresses meat and potatoes over missiles.

The budget was announced to the 1,517 members of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., the nation's parliament, by Finance Minister Yuliy Gurbuzov.

Automatic approval was assured by the legislative body that has not cast a single vote against a government-sponsored programme in more than 40 years.

Speaking in the Kremlin Palace to an audience that included Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev, President Nikolai Podgorny and Premier Alexei Kosygin, Gurbuzov announced the biggest increase in 1973 expenditures in the agricultural field.

In an obvious move to counter the effect of the 1972 harvest, officially acknowledged to have been one of the worst in the past 100

years, Gurbuzov said farm spending would increase 9.9 per cent, from \$33,400m. in 1972 to \$37,500m. next year.

Defence spending remained the same — \$21,450m. — as the 1971 and 1972 budgets.

A 7.2 per cent increase was announced for science expenditures. Expenditures in the social and cultural field, including education, increased from \$75,500m. to \$81,000m.

The budget and the annual economic plan that accompanies it included a demand for better productivity in 1973.

The successes in the development of our economy could have been even bigger had we succeeded (during 1972) in fully overcoming serious shortcomings in some elements of the national economy," state planning chief Nikolai Balbakov told the Supreme Soviet.

First U.S. firm signs up for Suez pipeline

CAIRO (AP). — An American oil company yesterday became the first to sign an agreement with Egypt for using the projected \$600m. Suez-Mediterranean pipeline, Ministry of Petroleum officials announced.

Under the agreement, Continental Oil Co. will transport 25 million tons of crude annually for 10 years, a ministry statement said.

America's Mobil Oil and two French companies have initiated agreements for using the line and will sign them later after other companies have made commitments.

On November 20 Mobil committed itself to using the pipeline for 10 years to move 7.5 million tons a year. On November 18 Elf-Eltrap marked for three million tons for 10 years, and on October 12, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles said it would ship 7.5 million tons for the same period.

Transit charges were set at \$1.40 a ton, according to official records. According to ministry officials, representatives of the American Exxon Co. and British Petroleum are expected in the Egyptian capital soon to initial similar agreements.

Four goats killed, Lebanon complains

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Lebanon has complained that four goats were killed and six others wounded last Wednesday when a flock belonging to a Lebanese farmer came under "sustained automatic weapons fire" from Israeli troops in occupied Syrian territory, U.N. Truce Supervision Organization reported yesterday.

U.N. observers could not confirm the complaint since the alleged incident occurred outside their range of observation.

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DESPITE YESTERDAY'S RAIN Farmers in North fear winter drought

Jerusalem Post Staff
Despite yesterday's rain — which eased traffic jams and flooded streets in Haifa — farmers in Lower Galilee, the Jordan Valley and northern Golan fear a drought this winter.

In Western Galilee, too, the condition of the winter crops is grave. Only substantial rainfall in the next few days can avert a drought, said farmers. But the weatherman predicted partial clearing for today.

In Lower Galilee, considered a relatively dry region, over 50,000 dunams of land have been sown with winter grains (mainly wheat and rye). But total rainfall there has an average of only five millimetres (instead of the 80 mm. annual average this time of the year), and even that was badly spaced. The southern area of Lower Galilee (Beit Shean and other settlements near Tabar) had no rain at all.

Part of the seed in the ground withered by staying dry and may sprout if and when rain falls. In the areas where rain fell, the seeds sprouted 1 to 2 cm.

This was the case in southern Galilee, where thousands of dunams of winter crops have now been reaped. Settlements there and in Lower Galilee have added about 10 kilograms of seed per dunam to make up what was lost in the Jordan Valley. The main crops are bananas and grapefruit which the kibbutzim have had irrigated at considerable extra cost. The Valley has had rainfall of 20 to 40 mm. — instead of the annual average of 100 mm.

There is no immediate danger to fields in the South, as they have been receiving rain regularly, in small quantities.

Yesterday's rain was scattered over the country, but was particularly heavy in Haifa, where street-level drainage was inadequate to keep several streets from flooding. Extra police were called out to regulate traffic, which was bottlenecked in various places in town.

The Meteorological Service reported that yesterday's heaviest rainfall was at Gaza, with 17 mm., followed by Samaria with 15 mm. Jerusalem registered only 1 mm. The figures for other places were: Golan, 1 mm.; Nazariya, too little to measure; Safad, 0.6 mm.; Afula, 2 mm.; Tel Aviv, 4 mm.; Lod Airport, 4 mm.; Jericho, 4 mm.; Beerseba, 5 mm.

The weatherman predicted today would be partly cloudy with only a possibility of scattered thunder showers.

(For forecast temperatures see page 2, column 1.)

Labour trouble threatens merchant navy

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The non-commissioned seamen in the Seamen's Union yesterday warned that they would beach the Merchant Marine unless their big income tax exemptions, cancelled in 1968, were reinstated.

They informed the shipping companies that they would not start negotiations for the new labour contract unless the discontinued tax system was reinstated by the Treasury. Under the old system their foreign currency earnings were taxed at only 10% per pound sterling. Since 1968, however, the men have had to pay the same tax as their foreign-currency earnings.

They informed the companies that "the injustice caused by the change seriously reduced our income and cannot be tolerated any longer."

They asked the shipping companies to take the matter up with the Treasury at once. Their labour contract expired at the end of last month.

The three divisions of non-commissioned seamen number about 1,200 men who man the Israeli fleet. Their warning came a week after the masters and officers divisions of the Seamen's Union threatened to strike unless the Histadrut recognized them as a separate union.

Troubles from both the ratings and the officers were expected following last month's split between them. The Histadrut is still trying to patch up the split by withholding its approval. But even if the organizational difficulties can be taped over, the pay demands will remain.

The outlook for the Merchant Marine: stormy seas ahead.

Tenants to see Meir on mooted rent law changes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Spokesmen for the tenants' Defense League will be meeting with Prime Minister Golda Meir on Friday to protest what they see as the intention of the Knesset to amend the Rent Control Law.

The Alignment faction last month passed a resolution to amend the law which would lift rent control on flats rented by persons who are paid key money and whose rents are above a certain level.

The Alignment is generally opposed to de-control rents — and the present action pertains to a relatively small number of tenants, in privately owned flats.

A protest meeting held here last night, speakers said their organization represented mainly pensioners and persons of limited means.

Delegation is also due to meet with the Histadrut Central committee.

A third of naval school graduates never go to sea

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — One-third of the graduates of the three-year courses at Acre Nautical Officers School and the Mevo'ot Yam Maritime School who graduated between 1958 and 1965 have never served at sea.

This is one of the findings of a report just published by the Israel Shipping Research Institute.

Just over 45 per cent of the 1958-65 graduates are still serving at sea.

Those who stayed at sea gave as their reasons the relatively high earnings and that they liked their work and promotion opportunities.

They also noted the chance to see the world and their love for the sea. Those who dropped out said they did not like life at sea, or there were better job opportunities ashore or gave family reasons, mainly after getting married.



Falasha children outside the synagogue at Ambober, the community's main village in Ethiopia. The picture was brought back by Dr. Israel Goldstein, former Chairman of Kerem Hayesod, who visited Ethiopia in 1969. The older girl in the picture is holding a Hebrew prayer book printed in Jerusalem in 1926.

'To satisfy doubting rabbis' Rabbi Yosef converted 40 Falashas living in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has converted some 40 Falashas to Judaism over the past two years. News of the conversions appeared in an evening paper yesterday after Rabbi Yosef gave a reception for the Falashas at the Tel Aviv Religious Council offices at the end of last week.

Rabbi Yosef told The Jerusalem Post that most of the converts lived in the Beerseba region. They took religious instruction under his supervision prior to their conversions.

Several hours after the Yosef conversions became public knowledge, sources close to Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren informed newsmen that he, too would be converting some Falashas in the near future.

The Falashas live in northern Ethiopia and claim to be of Jewish descent. They keep many precepts of the Torah, Talmudic law having passed them on. They also carry out neo-Christian and pagan rites.

Rabbi Yosef is known to believe that the Falashas are Jewish according to halacha. He converted the 40 in order to satisfy other rabbis, who doubt the authenticity of their Jewish origins.

The first Chief Rabbi of this country, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, issued a public statement in 1921 referring to the Falashas as part "of our People who, because of the trials and tribulations of the galut, have been far removed from us both in distance and in views."

The statement is recalled by Dr. Israel Goldstein, a long-time campaigner on behalf of the Falashas, in his new book, "Israel at Home and Abroad."

Toy Fund tops IL40,000, X-mas shopping this week

Contributions of the past few days have sent The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund's 24th drive over the IL40,000 mark. With the list printed today (we will probably have only one more list when we print a round-up), which comes to IL1,178.40, the total so far stands at IL40,723.89.

This week we are doing our Christmas shopping, and then we go on to our second round of gift-giving. This will take us some time to get done. Right now we are going through lists.

But no one is really late. We will still be delighted to have your contribution. Just send it to: The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund, P.O.B. 51, Jerusalem.

575 — Children of the Solomon Schechter Day School, Newton Centre, Mass. — for the children of Jerusalem.

576 — Arthur E. Davis, Chicago.

577 — In memory of Mrs. Helen Rubenstein, mother and mother-in-law to Dr. Myra and Rabbi Daniel Leifer, Tel Aviv.

578 — Instead of Hanukkah presents for Carole, Nancy, Ayla, Linor, Rafi and Yoni, Lynda and Sarah.

579 — Mr. & Mrs. William J. Cherok, Coatesville, Pa. — in honour of their 4 children Mark Eric, Lawrence Ira, Susan Rebecca and Jonathan David.

580 — Mr. & Mrs. Francis S. Mallick, Westmont, N.J. Roy (7 years old) and Sharon (3 years old) Kessel, Madison, Wis. May our grandchildren Gail and Michael, now 5 weeks old in Jerusalem always be able to hear his bit — Jules and Betty Dalia, Antwerpen. The Rev. & Mrs. Roy H. West and daughter, Marina Jane, Boston, Kansas — in this small way we express our thanks and appreciation for the thrilling experience we have enjoyed as students of Jerusalem, and more recently as a student this past summer at the Hebrew University.

581 — In loving memory of Dr. Heinrich Backer and his wife Nozme, from his sister.

582 — Mrs. Ray Gordon, New York — in honour of my 7 beautiful and wonderful grandchildren: Paul, Steven, and Dennis Fried; and Elana, Jonathan, Tamara and David Silbermann.

583 — Calman and Eve Myerowitz, Ellington, Conn. — in honour of our grandsons — Sabra born Marjorie Williams Levine and our new Sabra born Rebecca — and Joseph Levin of Ramat Aviv.

584 — N.N., Givatayim — in memory of my dear husband and mother. Anonymous. Jerusalem. In memory of our beloved Fred Artman in Sydney, condolence to his wife Nancy, family Alexander, Jerusalem and son Haim in Sweden.

585 — From Gil'ad Katz temporarily in Zurich — with loving greetings to his grandparents living in Jerusalem.

586 — Roberta Steinberg of Kibbutz Adamit — in honour of my grandmother's 80th birthday, Dora Ostroff of Brookline, Mass.

587 — Remembering Doris Levart of Kfar Hanassi — from Evelyn and Fred Frankel, Jerusalem.

588 — "The Three Poodle House," Ramat Chai, For Ariel, Avishahar, and Ayelet Avnion, Tivon.

589 — In memory of Frieda Salomon from her grandchildren Debbie and Rafi of Ramat Hasharon and Belinda, Karen, Steven, Michael and Rochelle of Ramat Hasharon, Jerusalem.

590 — N.N., Ramat Yishay — in loving memory of Laili Kader. In honour of Sharon and Michael Flecher, Richmond — whose biggest Hanukkah present was coming to live in the land of the Maccabees, Michael Oren, Tel Aviv, N.N., Haifa, N.N., Jerusalem. Kitarar Migdal of Ramatayim in thanks for very kind assistance given on the road.

591 — David Gravit, Manitoba, Canada.

592 — N.N., Jerusalem.

Swindler gets IL40,000, courtesy of Bank Leumi

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A man walked into the main branch of Bank Leumi in Jerusalem one morning last week, played a simple trick on a clerk, and became IL40,000 richer. The police are investigating.

The unidentified swindler walked into the bank and requested a cashier's cheque for IL40,000. The clerk filled in the forms and told the "client" to go to the cashier with the form and pay the sum. He apparently did as he was told and after several minutes returned with the form bearing the cashier's stamp for receipt of the money. The clerk had the cashier's cheque signed by two officers of the bank and handed it over.

Two hours later the Ramle Bank Leumi branch called the Jerusalem bank asking if the cheque was all right. The Ramle clerk was assured that it was in order and the cheque was cashed.

It wasn't until noon that the Jerusalem bank realized that it had been duped. When it tried to balance its books for the morning a IL40,000 shortage was discovered. A quick check revealed that the IL40,000 for the cashier's cheque was never deposited.

It seems the "client" had made himself a stamp similar to the one used by the bank's cashier. It is also believed that he used a forged identity card.

Avinoram Chelouche, assistant chief inspector of Bank Leumi, said last night that provisional orders had been sent out to all clerks concerning the issue of cashier's cheques. The bank has also told its clerks to be on the lookout since the swindler might try again.

The spokesman of the Jerusalem Police said last night that the police were investigating and that an identification sketch had been made of the wanted man.

Two more held in spy case

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Two residents of the Wadi Nisnas quarter here have been arrested on suspicion of membership in the Syrian spy and sabotage ring uncovered in the North last month. They bring to 39 the number of persons still in police custody of the more than 100 detained and interrogated.

Most of the detained are said to be cooperating with the police investigators.

It is learned that a sharp conflict arose at one point in the development of the spy ring between the alleged leader of the group, bookseller Daoud Turki, and alleged member Ehud Adiv. The intervention of the Deuklema Bureau in Damascus (Syrian military intelligence) is said to have been necessary to persuade Adiv to submit to the authority of Turki. Adiv, it seems, was contemptuous of Turki's organizational abilities and refused for some time to cooperate with him. The matter was reported back to Damascus by Kibbutz Kahawaji, the alleged Israeli-born middle-man between Turki and the Syrian intelligence. On one of his alleged visits to Damascus, Adiv was reportedly told to toe Turki's line.

Prisoner gets extra year for escape bid

TEL AVIV. — A Jaffa pimp serving a 12-year term for murdering one of his girls had an extra year added to his jail sentence yesterday for escaping during a visit home.

The prisoner, Dan Samouni, 24, had been taken to his Jaffa home by prison officers on August 27 for a visit with his father. At the end of the seven-hour visit, while being escorted back to the police car, Samouni broke free. He was found later hiding with a brother.

District Court Judge Binjamin Cohen said yesterday it was "natural" that a prisoner should wish to escape — but added that it was the court's duty to deter prisoners with similar whims. Samouni has already served three years of his murder sentence.

Kibbutz Artzi threatens legal action against 'inciters'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Kibbutz Artzi Secretariat yesterday threatened to take legal measures "against anyone injuring in any way a member of our movement or, specifically, of Kibbutz Gan Shmuel." The warning, issued under the signature of Kibbutz Artzi Secretary Shimon Avindan, was the first official reaction of the Hashomer Hatzair Kibbutz federation to the public debate over the alleged involvement of a son of Kibbutz Gan Shmuel in the Syrian sabotage-spy ring.

The statement expressed the Kibbutz Artzi's "deep shock, together with all Israeli citizens, at the revelation of the existence of a spy and sabotage ring." But it condemned "attempts at an ideological lynching" and "the wild incitement of political profiteers" against its movement.

The Kibbutz Artzi reaction was apparently provoked by charges that the accused ring member, Ehud Adiv, was a product of the Gan Shmuel leftist educator, Benjamin Gruenbaum.

Mr. Avindan also released a letter of support from Danny Rosolio, secretary of the Ahdut Avoda-oriented Kibbutz Meuhad, which said the "near campaign" was aimed not only at the kibbutz movement, "but at the entire labour movement."

Georgian olim to set up moshav

A group of Georgian immigrants is planning to set up a moshav between Gadera and Ashkelon, in the South, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Ben Zion Halton, announced yesterday at a farmers' meeting in the region.

He said the Georgians' neighbourhood — Moshav Hatzav, had volunteered to give up 450 dunams of citrus groves to help the new settlers get started.

The immigrants had spent nearly a year touring kibbutzim and moshavim to learn their problems first hand. They finally opted for the moshav as the type of settlement that suited them best, the Deputy Minister said.

So far some 35 families have signed up for the venture, and many others have expressed interest. The moshav will specialize in vegetables and flowers for export and citrus for growing.

Gaza woman held for strangling daughter, 23

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A 48-year-old woman from the Burj refugee camp here has been arrested on suspicion of strangling her 23-year-old daughter for "sullyng the family's honour."

The victim's older brother reported the crime on Sunday morning, telling police he had found his sister's body in their home, with scratches on her face and neck.

After investigating, the police arrested the girl's mother, who has allegedly confessed to the crime.

Zionists to step up anti-ransom campaign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Zionist Executive yesterday decided to step up the struggle against the academic head-tax imposed by the Soviet Union on emigrants.

Chairman Arye Pincus noted that the information campaign against the tax has borne important results. Political figures in many countries have issued statements condemning it, and in the U.S. senators and congressmen have brought political pressure against the tax. Mr. Pincus said the Soviet Government has lately been taking stern measures against Jews applying for emigration and that therefore the campaign had to be stepped up.

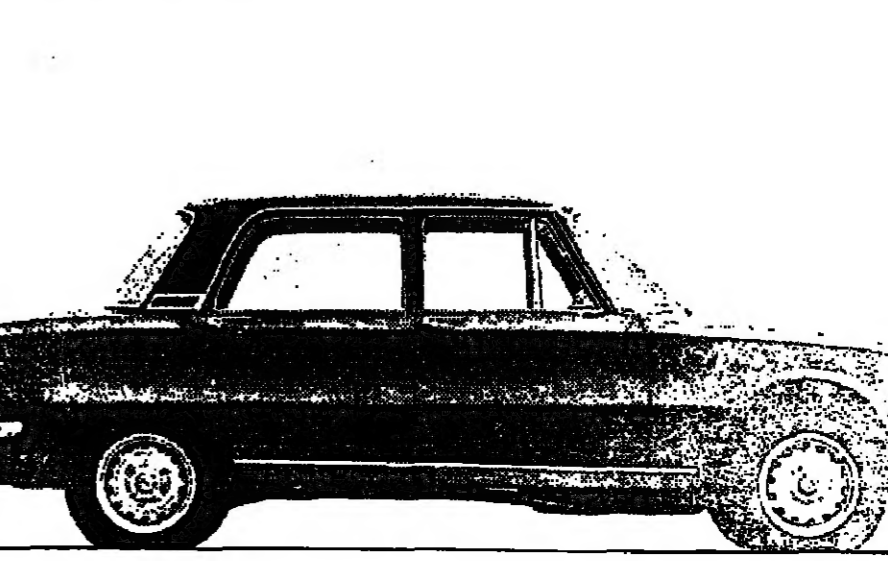
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TWELVE STUDENTS from nine countries yesterday graduated from the second International Master of Public Health course at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine. Given by the School's Department of Social Medicine, the 14-month course was established in 1970 in conjunction with the Foreign Ministry and with the approval of the World Health Organization.

Egypt bid to revive Big Power efforts

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egypt is seeking to get the Big Powers active once again on the Middle East issue, it was learned yesterday.

Kuwait, Cyprus set up ties with E. Germany

Both Kuwait and Cyprus have decided to establish diplomatic relations with East Germany at ambassadorial level.
Kuwait Education Minister Jassim al-Marzuq announced yesterday that the decision was in acknowledgement of the wishes of the Democratic Republic of Germany. His statement said the Kuwaiti Cabinet had yesterday reviewed relations between Kuwait and other countries, and had expressed the wish to fulfil a previous agreement for establishing ambassadorial relations with West Germany.
In Nicosia it was announced yesterday that Cyprus and East Germany have decided to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level from this Thursday.

discuss on by the powers was expressed in meetings which Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Ismail Fahm had last week with the ambassadors to Cairo of the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. Fahm also conferred on Saturday with the U.S. ambassador, Mr. Joseph Greene, it was reported yesterday.

Mr. Greene was expected to report this week to his government on Egypt's views concerning Washington's proposal to renew diplomatic contacts with Cairo and Jerusalem over an interim agreement aimed at reopening the Suez Canal. Despite recent belligerent statements by Egyptian spokesmen have indicated that the government may still cooperate with the U.S. towards an interim settlement.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Vice-President Hussein Shafiq said yesterday that Egyptians "would not be dragged into a battle with Israel before they can stop the pouring of fire weapons on her and would not negotiate with it as long as it occupied Arab land."

He was speaking to "a crowd of people" during a three-day visit to an advanced position on the Red Sea front-line, "Al Ahram" newspaper said.

Jordan moots common Xmas, Easter dates

AMMAN (AP). — Church leaders in Jordan have proposed common dates for celebrating Christmas and Easter, a committee representing all churches here announced yesterday.
The announcement said that an agreement in principle had been reached with churches in Syria and Lebanon whereby Christmas and Easter would be observed according to the Gregorian and the Julian calendars respectively.

But the final decision will be up to three patriarchs in Jerusalem. The committee will send a delegation to Jerusalem to seek the three patriarchs' approval, the announcement added.

If the Jerusalem patriarchs endorse the proposal, Christmas would be observed by all churches on December 25 every year and Easter according to the eastern church's lunar calendar.

Peking exempted from paying Taiwan U.N. debt

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — The budgetary committee of the General Assembly has voted to virtually write off a \$22.6 million debt owed by Nationalist China rather than transfer the debt to Taiwan's successor, Communist China.

The decision to place Nationalist China's debt in a special deficit account — which diplomats said means it probably never will be paid — was voted 47-5 with 20 abstentions.

When the Nationalist Chinese were ousted from the U.N. Oct. 25 1971 they owed \$16.5 million to the U.N.'s regular budget, \$5.3 million for the U.N. force stationed in the Middle East prior to the Six Day War, and \$0.7 million for the U.N. peace-keeping operation in Congo.

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Young man is grabbed by policeman during demonstration in Paris on Saturday protesting the death of an Algerian worker, Mohammed Diab, in the Versailles central police station on November 29. Diab was killed by a burst of sub-machinegun fire while being questioned.

East Germany warns on L-bombs Hongkong Jews told of kidnap threat

LONDON (INA). — Jews in Hongkong have been privately warned to guard against kidnap attempts by Palestinian terrorists. Meanwhile, East German police are warning the country's Jewish communities against possible parcel-bombs in mail postmarked from the Far East.
The London "Sunday Times" reporting from Hongkong said yesterday Jewish families there have

been privately given an urgent warning to guard against possible attempts by Palestinian agents to kidnap their children.

The warning came from Israel's Hongkong consulate, the "Sunday Times" said, and urged the families wherever possible to escort their children personally to and from school and elsewhere.

East German police are warning Jewish communities throughout the country against possible parcel-bomb attacks at Christmas.

Jews are being told to keep a sharp watch on all suspicious mail, especially parcels, bulky letters, and calendars postmarked from the Far East.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the "Sunday Express," Said Hammami, the London representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said he expects an attempt will be made to kill him.

READY TO STRIKE
"I believe that some fanatical Zionists are getting ready to strike, and I reckon they could make their move any time between now and the Moslem celebration of the New Year," Hammami said.

A day and night guard has been mounted by Scotland Yard special branch on Hammami, his wife, and two children, the "Express" said.

Hammami told the newspaper that after the Munich Olympic Games murders (of 11 Israeli athletes) he and his family received threatening letters and telephone calls. "The letters threatened to blow me up if I did not leave the country. I handed them to Scotland Yard. Then suddenly the letters and the telephone calls stopped about a week ago. My theory is that when your enemy stops threatening you, he is preparing for action," Hammami said.

'Washington Post' report: Israel says it does not need U.S. bases in Greece

WASHINGTON (INA). — Israel's military command has made a "frank admission" that U.S. naval bases in Greece are not essential to Israeli security, according to columnist Rowland Evans and Robert Novak writing in yesterday's "Washington Post."

They said that Senator Frank Church of Idaho submitted a report to the Senate foreign relations committee after a trip to the Middle East, which quotes high military officials in Israel as contradicting Nixon's linkage of U.S. military aid to Greece with Israel's security.

"Thus Israel for the first time has conceded semi-officially that Greece, apprehensive about 60,000 Greek nationals in the Arab world, would never permit its naval bases

to be used against Arab powers, no matter what the form of government in Athens. Heretofore, the Israelis have refrained from admitting the obvious for fear of antagonizing the Nixon administration. They have broken this reticence because of a series of domestic American political manoeuvres last summer," according to Evans and Novak.

"In his September report to the Foreign Relations Committee, Church quoted high military officials as follows: It was made clear that, contrary to a recent statement by President Nixon... the crucial factor for Israel is only the maintenance of a strong U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. They do not consider U.S. bases in Greece as essential to their security."

Rome airport worker sought after \$1.7m. diamond theft

ROME (UPI). — Police arrested a woman over the weekend and looked for her husband on charges of stealing 1,000m. lire (\$1.7m.) worth of diamonds from an air freight pouch last June.

Police identified the arrested woman as Claretta Orzono, 23, the wife of an employee at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci international airport. An arrest warrant was issued for her husband, Roberto, 30.

The diamonds, weighing 500 grams, vanished on June 22 during a flight from Johannesburg to Hongkong via Rome. Police said they were part of a shipment of 3.5 kilos of diamonds from the Johannesburg firm of Tomkinson, Douglas, Jackson and Co. to a Hongkong firm.

When the shipment arrived in Hongkong, police there found the pouch had been slit open and one-seventh of its contents had been stolen.

Italian police, working on the theory that the theft occurred during transshipment at Leonardo da Vinci, discreetly watched a number of airport employees. They said their suspicions came to centre on Orzono, a worker with a monthly salary of 150,000 lire (\$254) after they found he bought a 3m. lire (\$45,000) car, a 27m. lire (\$45,000) apartment and was about to buy a 5m. lire (\$8,500) motorboat.

Police said they found a 5m. lire diamond at Orzono's house and discovered that he owned six more diamonds, worth 1m. lire (\$1,700) each.

Investigators said Orzono apparently realized he was being suspected and fled. They said they had reasons to believe he went to South Africa. Police said they believed Orzono had some accomplices at the airport and they were investigating the possibility he belonged to a South African-based gang.

Zermatt votes to keep out car traffic

ZERMATT (Reuter). — The inhabitants of this resort in the shadow of the Matterhorn mountain voted yesterday to keep their village free of car traffic.

They rejected a proposal to extend to Zermatt the surfaced road which at present ends farther down the Alpine valley in which the village lies at an altitude of 1,620 metres. The road winds through the Valais Alps from the Rhone valley town of Visp.

The thousands of tourists who swell Zermatt's resident population of about 3,000 at present arrive and leave by a narrow-gauge mountain railway from Visp.

Cornered bandit shoots brother, kills himself

SINGAPORE. — A young gangster shot his brother dead and then killed himself in a Moslem cemetery rather than surrender to a tightening police net, officers said yesterday.

Wahab Hassan 24, and his 21-year-old brother, Mustapha, who police called "desperados," were found dead as detectives cautiously advanced after the shooting on Saturday night. The brothers had two gun-fights with police in 48 hours. Mustapha was wounded and confined to a public hospital but his brother rescued him on Wednesday in a commando style raid. Wahab accidentally shot his brother in the leg after that while cleaning his guns, police said, so they could not fire to the neighbouring Rho Islands.

On Saturday night police cornered them in the graveyard. They heard one shot and a voice yell in Malay, "I am already crazy," and then a second shot. Wahab, who escaped from prison, where he was serving a sentence for armed robbery, had vowed he would never give himself up to the police.

(AP, Reuter)

Haig to Saigon Hanoi raps Kissinger's 'deliberate distortion'

PARIS. — North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris peace talks yesterday described U.S. envoy Dr. Henry Kissinger's public report on the cease-fire negotiations as a "deliberate distortion".
A spokesman for the delegation, Mr. Nguyen Thanh Lu, said in a statement that the U.S. had sought substantive changes in the draft accord made public on October 26 and not Hanoi, as Dr. Kissinger told a press conference in Washington on Saturday.

However, he described his remarks as "preliminary" and said the delegation had not yet seen a full official text of Dr. Kissinger's remarks.

But if news agency reports of the conference were correct, "we feel it regrettable that the U.S. side has once again acted at variance with the agreement that both parties shall not publicly comment on the substance of the private talks."

The U.S. side had "deliberately distorted the facts, claiming that the D.R.V. (North Vietnamese) side had demanded changes to many questions, and that it had thus created obstacles to the conclusion of an agreement. That is completely untrue," he said.

The spokesman said it was known that President Nixon had sent a message to North Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Dong on October 20 acknowledging that the text of an agreement might be considered completed, and proposing October 31 as a date to sign it.

"Afterwards, the U.S. insisted on changing many substantive questions, including many questions of principle," he added.

The North Vietnamese delegation wanted the agreement decided upon on October 20 to be maintained, "but if the U.S. side insists on changing it, our side will have also to propose necessary changes."

If the U.S. really desired to respond to "the aspirations of the American people and the world people," it should sign the agree-

ment "without delay and without any change," he said.

For its part, the North Vietnamese side would respect the entire text of the agreement and was prepared to sign it, "the sooner the better," the North Vietnamese spokesman said.

In Washington, the White House said yesterday that President Nixon is sending Brig-Gen. Alexander Haig to South Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia to brief leaders on the deadlocked Paris peace negotiations. Deputy press secretary Gerald Warren said that Gen. Haig, Dr. Kissinger's deputy, will also visit Thailand, Cambodia and Laos.

Warren said Gen. Haig would leave last night and arrive in Saigon today, returning to Washington about Thursday.

Meanwhile the South Vietnamese radio said on Saturday night that peace negotiations with the North would probably reopen only if North Vietnam agrees to alter its concept of peace.

Radio Saigon was giving its first reaction to Dr. Kissinger's announcement that he and North Vietnamese Politburo member Le Duc Tho had failed to reach a peace agreement.

Radio Saigon said that political issues and points of doctrine, not just technicalities, divide Washington and Hanoi.

"The secret talks between Le Duc Tho and Dr. Kissinger ended in failure because Hanoi's attitude turned to one of intransigence," it added.

Observers speculated in Saigon that the news of the current deadlock in the talks was probably greeted with some relief by President Nguyen Van Thieu's government.

South Vietnam's ambassador to the U.S., Tran Kim Phuoc, has returned to brief President Thieu and members of the National Security Council on the latest U.S. position.

(Reuter, UPI)

WOULD ACCEPT AMERICAN'S MONEY

Solzhenitsyn says he is not 'well off'

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Russian Nobel prize winner Alexander Solzhenitsyn said yesterday he was in a "desperate" financial situation and that he would accept as a loan an American author's offer of help.

In a statement made available to correspondents, Solzhenitsyn replied to Soviet Culture Minister Yakovlev's description of him as "well off".

She told a press conference here last week that Solzhenitsyn had bought more than one car and did not need help.

Solzhenitsyn said on his statement that he was "deeply touched" by the offer of U.S. author Albert Marks to make over to him the royalty royalties he says are due to him from Soviet editions of his books.

Describing Marks' proposal as "one of the manifestations of the noble international solidarity of writers," Solzhenitsyn said: "Because of the desperate nature of my situation, I would, even if it is very embarrassing, accept the money as a loan, with compulsory repayment."

At the press conference Mrs. Furtseva denied that Soviet publishing houses owe Marks money, pointing out that her country does not belong to the international copyright convention.

"For seven years," Solzhenitsyn said in his reply, "they have denied me money and housing; I have no roof of my own and I have nothing with which to buy even the most

modest small house. My only car, which I had been using for nine years, was sold to prolong my existence and I have not got any other car.

"I would never dare to judge how much money Mrs. Furtseva has, but I am prepared to believe she has no Soviet money at all, just like me."

40,000 homeless as fire sweeps Burmese town

RANGOON (Reuter). — Five firemen were killed and more than 40,000 people left homeless when fire swept through the town of Mergui in Lower Burma on Saturday, according to press reports.

Over 7,000 houses were reported destroyed in the 14-hour blaze, which also gutted 18 warehouses, five schools and an ice factory.

The firemen were killed when their fire engines overturned, but there were no reports of other casualties. Early estimates put the damage at nearly £2m.

Urgent relief measures were under way, the reports added.

In Malaysia, a state of emergency was declared yesterday in Kelantan state, bordering southern Thailand, following floods caused by three days of continuous monsoon rains. Five persons were known dead.

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Uganda takes over 41 foreign estates, firms

KAMPALA (Reuter). — President Amin yesterday announced the government takeover of all 28 foreign-owned tea estates and 15 of Uganda's biggest firms — nearly all of them British.

Coffee linked to heart trouble

LONDON (Reuter). — A link between coffee drinking and heart trouble is reported in the latest issue of Britain's most authoritative medical magazine, the "Lancet."

According to a report by a team of American researchers, people who drink more than five cups of coffee a day run twice the risk of having a heart attack than people who drink no coffee at all.

The report, by the Boston Collaborative Drug Surveillance Programme, says that coffee appears more strongly associated with heart attacks than cigarette smoking.

Heart patients used in the survey were admitted to hospitals in the U.S., Canada, Israel and New Zealand.

The report says coffee-drinking might just be a feature of the striking, competitive people believed by some medical researchers to be prone to heart attacks.

Whatever the danger in coffee, says the report, it is not caffeine. Caffeine is also present in tea and the report shows that people who drink a lot of tea may have a slightly reduced chance of heart attacks.

German firm convinced play is Shakespeare's

BERLIN (UPI). — The Felbr Block theatrical publishing house said yesterday it is convinced the Elizabethan comedy "The Birth of Hercules" is by William Shakespeare.

The publishing house announced Saturday it soon would publish a German translation of the play by Dieter Schamp, a theatrical scientist and Elizabethan expert.

Rolf-Friedrich Albrecht, a spokesman for the publishing house, said yesterday that Schamp has proved without doubt that Shakespeare wrote the play.

Schamp has examined the original English manuscript and through textual references and the handwriting can prove it is by Shakespeare, Albrecht said.

Albrecht said the British Museum has published two versions of the play, one in 1903 and the second in 1911.

The publishing house said the play is a comedy based on the Amphitruo of the ancient Roman comic poet Plautus.

The latest moves, with earlier measures, would further government aims of putting the country's economy in the hands of Ugandan Africans. He said in a 70-minute broadcast shortly after midnight.

Under the Properties and Businesses (Acquisition) Decree published yesterday, the Minister of Finance, Emmanuel Wabwawa, is required to appoint a board of valuers to determine the compensation which shall be paid for businesses and property that the government has taken over.

If the amount is disputed, appeal may be made to a tribunal also appointed by the minister, or if that fails, to the high court.

Yesterday's decree stipulates that owners of the businesses and property must submit detailed declarations to the minister by the end of this month. The penalty for failing to do so is a fine of nearly \$8,000.

The army chief, who seized power 25 months ago, said the British had "launched a worldwide hate campaign against me, my government, and the people of Uganda."

But he added "It is not the intention of my government to break off diplomatic relations with Great Britain."

General Amin dispelled fears he was about to announce a mass expulsion of Britons by inviting 780 of them working on aid schemes — mainly teachers, doctors and university lecturers who account for just over half of the 3,000-strong community here — to remain in Uganda if they wished.

But these Britons had only until December 31 to decide. If they did so it would be on Uganda's terms and on local salary rates, he said.

Otherwise, they would have to leave at the year's end under the same terms as expelled non-Ugandan Asians.

Some 40,000 of these Asians — many with British passports — were expelled with only a few personal belongings and \$50 in foreign currency, compared with the \$3,000 normal allowance for emigrants.

Their expulsion, spread over three months and ending early last November, was the first phase of President Amin's "economic war."

The President announced on November 4 that "the next phase of the economic war will be aimed against the British."

He named eight of the companies being seized by his government as the Uganda subsidiaries of Brooks Bond-Oxo, the British American Tobacco Company, the British Metal Corporation, the Chikington Tool Company, and Securitor — all British-owned; Consolidated Printer and Uganda Transport, both part British-owned; and an American firm, International Television Sales.

WALDBHEIM. — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim will visit Bangladesh in the first week of February at the invitation of the Dacca government.



West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel (left), and Chancellor Willy Brandt share a joke as Scheel presents a valuable 17th century coin to Brandt as a 59th birthday present from the Cabinet. Brandt marked the occasion yesterday with an outdoor party at the Bonn Chancellery Building and an evening reception at his home. (AP radiophoto)

'Washington Post' barred from White House events

WASHINGTON (AP). — The White House banned the "Washington Post" from covering three social events given by President and Mrs. Nixon over the past weekend, the newspaper reported yesterday.

The "Post" said indications are that it will not be permitted to cover social events until after President Nixon's inauguration January 20. Such a ban presumably would include such gala events in the nation's capital as the Inaugural Ball.

The paper said first that the ban came when reporter Dorothy McCordie, who has covered Washington social events under five administrations, arrived at the White House Friday night to cover a reception given by the Nixons for what were described as "new recruits" supporters.

Mrs. McCordie was told she and five other reporters were not included in a pool of five who would be permitted to attend, the paper said.

When Mrs. McCordie arrived Saturday night to cover a black-tie affair for past, present and future cabinet officers, she was again told she was not in the pool, the "Post" said.

The paper said Mrs. McCordie also has been informed that she would not be allowed to cover a party at the White House yesterday for children of diplomats.

The paper said a White House spokesman told Mrs. McCordie that her exclusion was not personal. The paper also quoted a report from presidential spokesman Ronald Ziegler, in response to the paper's protests, that the "Post" has no special prerogative to cover all White House events.

Pools of reporters at the White House was quite common, but all Washington newspapers always have been included in the past, the "Post" said.

The paper has been criticized frequently by the White House for its alleged anti-administration positions. It was a leader in publishing investigative stories about the break-in and alleged spying of Democratic National Headquarters. Several of those charged in connection with the Watergate incident have been linked to Nixon's reelection effort.

France wants European space rocket

PARIS (UPI). — France yesterday put before her European partners plans for a new space rocket, which it says would make them independent of the U.S. in areas of the space field.

The blueprint for the rocket will be studied by the 10-nation European Space Conference today in Brussels, together with Britain's three-year-old plan for the creation of a European space administration agency and the future of current joint European space projects.

Government officials said the French-sponsored missile, code-named L-3 S, would be a three-stage rocket capable of putting into orbit weather, communications and air and sea navigation satellites weighing up to 3,800 kg.

French experts drafted the plan to counter objections from West Germany and several other European countries that all past European rocket efforts had proved largely wasteful.

Bonn is urging early acceptance by Western European capitals of President Nixon's standing offer to join in the construction of a space laboratory under the post-Apollo programme.

Finances of \$1,086,000 were imposed on a French firm, Sucrex et Denrees of Paris and an Italian one, Eridania of Genoa. The lowest fines amounted to \$108,500 for each of three Italian firms West German and Dutch companies were also fined.

MOSQUE. — The royal court of Iran announced yesterday that \$1.2m. left over from a private sector donation for last year's celebrations of the 2,500th anniversary of the monarchy, will be spent to build a new mosque which could be the world's largest. It is still to be designed.

Mart signs agreement with Egypt

BRUSSELS (AP). — The European Economic Community (EEC) yesterday signed a five-year trade agreement with Egypt providing for a 60 per cent tariff reduction on Egyptian exports of citrus fruit, the same advantage as given to Israel.

Other Egyptian farm products will get tariff reductions of 25 to 50 per cent, depending on the product.

The Common Market countries will accept 20,000 tons of petroleum products and 2,500 tons of cotton textiles annually from Egypt.

Egypt also obtained export facilities for its rice, on which 80 per cent of its rural population depends. The Common Market will buy its onions when this does not interfere with the European crop.

Egyptian-manufactured exports to the Common Market will get a 45 per cent reduction in tariffs on January 1, 1973, the day Britain and other candidates become members.

On January 1, 1974, the reductions in these duties will be 55 per cent. Egypt will cut its tariffs 30 per cent on Common Market industrial products the first year, 40 per cent the second year and 50 per cent the third year. The 50 per cent rate would remain for the next two years.

At a later stage it is hoped to eliminate these tariffs entirely. This expectation is required on the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). They provide that preferential trade agreements are only permissible between areas which plan eventually to institute free trade in all industrial products.

Mart fines sugar firms over \$9m.

BRUSSELS (AP). — Albert Borschette, Common Market Commissioner for Competition, yesterday announced record fines totalling \$9,745,000 against sugar firms accused of fixing prices and restraining trade.

Six firms were spared. The Executive Commission found them to have participated only occasionally or to a small extent in breaking the rules.

Mr. Borschette told a news conference: "The Commission has rarely established such conscious and deliberate violations of the rules of competition at the expense of consumers."

The Commission, he said, had obtained precise documentation. The biggest fine — \$1,627,000 — was assessed against a Belgian company, Raffinerie Tirlemontoise. Its representatives have already said it would appeal to the European Court of Justice at Luxembourg.

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Strikes make Xmas gloomy for Italians

ROME (Reuter). — A gloomy Christmas with few presents loomed for millions of Italian children yesterday as bank employees started their latest round of strikes, leaving the population increasingly short of cash.

The nation's 150,000 bank employees have staged repeated strikes since October to back their demands for a new labour contract with better pay and working conditions.

The latest round of staggered strikes goes on until Friday, meaning that banks will not function properly until after Christmas.

Shortly before Christmas some 15 million Italian workers receive an extra month's salary worth an average of about \$75 a head.

This money is usually splashed out on Christmas presents, and used to pay mortgages and car insurance policies which come up for renewal at this time of year.

But in the present circumstances workers are either getting a cheque from their firms which they cannot cash or the firm is asking them to wait because it cannot get the money out of the bank.

The only consolation for Italians is that tax collectors are also on strike, saving them the headache of finding money to meet their tax bills.

The striking bank employees constitute, however, only a small proportion of workers on strike. Altogether four million Italian workers are still arguing over the renewal of their labour contracts.

Two major sectors which are still far from any agreement with the management on their new contracts are the nation's 1.4 million metal workers and 1.2 million construction workers.

Virtually no Christmas cards have arrived because of repeated strikes by Italy's 180,000 post office workers and the bulk of cards is now not likely to arrive before 1973.

Finally, Italians may well be unable to visit relatives over Christmas as petrol pump attendants go ahead with a threat to strike from December 24 to 26 and again on December 31.

Third Singapore fugitive kills self

SINGAPORE (AP). — Singapore's fifth most wanted man Sunday night became the third fugitive to die 24 hours to take his own life rather than surrender to police.

Chow Ah Kow, 34, shot himself after he was disabled by two pursuing policemen in a running gun battle.

The previous night two Malay brothers, one of whom recently escaped from police custody, shot themselves as police surrounded them in a Muslim cemetery.

Turkish F.M. in Syria for talks

DAMASCUS (UPI). — Turkish Foreign Minister Hulusi Bulken arrived yesterday for a six-day official visit and talks with government leaders.

Bulken, who is accompanied by a nine-man government delegation, will meet his Syrian counterpart, Abdel Halim Khaddam, President Hafez Assad and other leaders, official sources said. The talks will concentrate on bilateral relations, the Middle East crisis and the situation in Cyprus.



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The Nazi Onslaught

MOSCOW (UPI). — Saturday, June 21, 1941. I went to the American Embassy to await the beginning of the German-Soviet War. That the war was coming that day or the next, given Adolf Hitler's passion for striking on weekends, everyone seemed to know except Josef Stalin.

There was not a single intelligence service of any merit that had not reported the massing of about 170 German divisions on the Soviet border. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill had warned Stalin of Hitler's intentions, but their messages were rejected as British provocations.

Soviet intelligence agents also had reported the impending attack. Earlier in the spring British Ambassador Sir Stafford Cripps had returned from a conference of Middle Eastern envoys and told me the Germans would strike in June. When Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov refused repeated requests for an appointment, Cripps cabled to London, through the ordinary telegraph, that the Russians apparently were afraid of the Germans and would not see him.

The next day First Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky received Cripps and rejected his warning as "propaganda."

Stalin was especially suspicious of Churchill, one of the architects of the "cordons sanitaires" against Soviet Russia after the 1917 revolution.

We in Moscow had our own supporting evidence. In mid-spring German Ambassador Count Friedrich von Schulenburg and other German diplomats began to send their families and furniture home. Lawrence Steinhardt, U.S. Ambassador, sent his wife to Stockholm June 10. The matter was clinched when Gebhart von Walther, First Secretary of the German Embassy, took his two Boxer dogs, from whom he had been inseparable, to the airport and sent them off on what was to be the last plane to Berlin. That was significant to those who knew Walther enjoyed German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop's utmost confidence.

We stayed at the embassy until late in the evening when, tired of waiting, I went home to catch a few hours sleep before the expected holocaust.

Censorship

The censorship, especially sensitive on Soviet-German affairs, did not permit me to file a hint of the oncoming events. During the existence of the Soviet-German Friendship Pact the censors even expunged the word "Fascism" from our stories. I was therefore unable to do more than alert my editors by reporting Mrs. Steinhardt's departure and requesting U.P.'s Stockholm bureau to see her.

About seven a.m. Sunday the telephone in my bedroom rang and the mournful voice of my colleague Herman Pogorzeln of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" was on: "What we expected has happened," he said. "I am interned at the embassy and I want to say



Red Army Cossacks on the attack in 1941. Everyone knew the German strike against Russia was imminent, it seems, except Joseph Stalin, says the writer.

or, *wiedererlebe* under better circumstances." We were cut off and I rushed to the German Embassy where all the Germans had been interned until arrangements could be made for exchanging them with Soviet diplomats in Berlin.

I was not admitted, but diplomatic friends who had arrived earlier and been admitted told me they had found Schulenburg with moist eyes. He told them in whispers, "This is the end of Germany."

Tearful envoy

Later I learned that Schulenburg, probably the ablest ambassador in Moscow and who was anti-Nazi and was shot by Hitler in 1944, was similarly tearful when he called on Molotov at four a.m. to report the beginning of the war.

The reaction of Italian Ambassador Agostino Rossi was the same as Schulenburg's but it ran contrary to the views of most of the younger Germans and Italians as well as the overwhelming majority of the 23 embassies represented in Moscow.

Only a few weeks before the war a young American diplomat standing on the balcony of the embassy facing the Kremlin, told me: "This will be a good place from which to view Hitler's triumphal march on the Red Square. He will cut across Russia like a knife through butter in two weeks."

From the German Embassy I rushed home and loaded my wife and baby into a taxi to be taken to a country retreat where I thought they would be safe from bombing.

Actually, the air raids did not start until a month later but that day the air attaché of a western power, pointing at four planes circling above the Kremlin, said, "That is all that's left of the Soviet air force." He urged me to run down immediately to the Iranian Embassy and get a visa — "the only way to escape," he said.

Six months later I received a letter written at the end of June from Angus Ward, American Consul-General in Vladivostok, offering me the hospitality of his home when I got there "shortly after the collapse of Russia."

To the Muscovites there was not the slightest hint of war that bright Sunday morning and my wife, Ludmilla, reported the roads full of hikers going on picnics and cars speeding for the Moscow woods.

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like high ranking officials who had been apparently summoned back to Moscow.

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Incredible as it may sound, a high official of Tass, the sole national news agency, telephoned me early that morning to ask whether it was true that the German invasion had started.

It was only at noon, eight hours after the attack, that suddenly the powerful basso voice of Yuri Levitan, who was to become Russia's most famous announcer, boomed out: "Citizens, all Soviet radio stations are about to broadcast an important state communication."

Then came Molotov's, not Stalin's, voice announcing the "perfidious attack" and summoning the people to arms to defend the motherland.

Russians on the streets, in their Sunday best, some of them with children on the way to the zoo, others ready for a day in the country or the park, their faces grave, heard the news in absolute silence and walked away. They had had their experience with wars and invasions and they knew what was coming.

Where was Stalin?

Two questions uppermost in the minds of those I saw that day and in the following weeks, both Russians and foreigners, were: — In view of all the warnings, why had no one the people and the armed forces been prepared for the attack?

Where was Stalin and why did he not speak to the country instead of Molotov?

There is a conflict of opinion on both questions and until the Soviet archives are opened there is no definitive answer.

The late Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev was the leader of one school of thought which laid the blame on Stalin's power madness, his conviction of infallibility in all matters, including diplomacy and war, and refusal to hear opinions he did not like.

In his campaign for de-Stalinization in the 1950s, Khrushchev performed a vital historical role, but along with all his positive contributions he got carried away by his emotions and uttered such obvious untruths as that Stalin was an incompetent and ignorant war leader who followed battles on a schoolboy's globe.

This simplistic opinion has been rejected not only by most of the major Soviet war-time commanders such as Marshal Georgi Zhukov whom Stalin victimized, but by the Allied leaders, Roosevelt and Churchill, and by American and British ambassadors who had frequent contact with the Soviet generalissimo.

"What has been your most interesting experience in Moscow," I asked British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr at the end of the war, "Stalin," he answered. "U.S. Presidential adviser Harry Hopkins, who with Lord Beaverbrook advised Harrison, came to Moscow in September 1941 to investigate the possibilities of Soviet resistance — so we could extend Lend-Lease — told me that 'The Russians will resist indefinitely and win the war.' And Beaverbrook, British Minister of Armaments, when offering Stalin a certain item of British artillery, was astounded to be corrected on its specifications by the Soviet leader."

More recently Harrison told me that a reference to his wartime diaries showed his opinion of Stalin was that he was a most capable, energetic and knowledgeable supreme commander.

After the war when I asked Hopkins on what he had based his early optimism on Soviet resistance, he said: "Stalin — he showed me a list of his reserves and his military plans which persuaded me to recommend to the President to extend Lend-Lease."

By July 3 Stalin knew where he stood with regard to British and American support and in an address to the nation laid down a programme of action that stood up for the rest of the war.

For the first and last time Stalin addressed the people as "Dear Brothers and Sisters. Black clouds have gathered on our motherland. I appeal to you, my dear friends, urging a 'scorched earth' policy, he denounced Hitler and the Nazis but not Germany. Later in the war he was to say "Hitlers come and

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go but the German nation will remain."

Assuming his statesmanship was equal to this task — there are some who think Russia would have lost the war without Stalin — why did he let himself be surprised by the German attack? Why did he not warn the border troops to remove his aircraft from the frontier area where, like sitting ducks, they were wiped out the first few minutes of the war?

Stalin's apologists have said: Aware of Russia's military backwardness, as was demonstrated during the Finnish War of 1939-1940 when the Russians suffered enormous casualties before the subdued little Finland, Stalin was playing for time. The army was not too well trained, the tanks and aircraft were inferior to Germany and the economic industrial base was not strong enough to cope with that of an enemy who in this time had conquered most of Europe.

German nightmare

Nor did Stalin think that Hitler was lunatic enough to risk a war on two fronts, the nightmare of every German General Staff since before Clausewitz.

At any rate the retreating of the army and the manufacture of new planes and tanks as well as the construction of the new armaments industries had begun — 1939-40.

Stalin was gambling for big stakes, his apologists say, as he had gambled when he signed the Friendship Pact with Hitler in 1939. He was hoping to put off the war at least until 1942.

I was not privy to Stalin's thoughts in 1939 but all the Russian I knew were apologetic about the pact with Germany. They called it a "whodun wedding" made inevitable by the Munich Pact and the failure of the British and French in their negotiations with Moscow in 1939 to offer a viable alliance.

War was a matter of time, as Soviet acquaintances said, and was reasonable to believe Stalin thought so too.

In the meantime the Soviet leadership wanted to avoid any "provocation" any action such as hasty mobilization or redeployment of front-line forces which he feared could precipitate an earlier attack.

Stalin kept his best forces intact in Siberia and, skeptical though I seemed to be about his own intelligence service, this time he believed his master-spy in Tokyo, Richard Sorge, had reported that the Japanese would strike against America and let the Soviet Union alone.

Tide turns

When the most critical point of the war came, about mid-October, Stalin hurried his fresh forces against the enemy at the gates of Moscow and, in what was probably the most decisive battle of the period, turned the tide of war.

The morning of Oct. 16, Ambassador Steinhardt telephoned to request I appear at his Spas House residence with two suitcases. The message was clear. We were being evacuated — to Sverdlovsk we thought.

After hours of waiting at the embassy and more endless hours in the railroad station on a cold snowy day we took off for Kuzbyshev on the Volga. It was a special train consisting of the diplomatic and foreign correspondents, principals of the Polish Opera and ballet and Soviet journalists.

President Mikhail Kalinin as Molotov had already left it Kuzbyshev but as we were to see later, Stalin had remained in Moscow. His mere presence in the capital on the next day when a few German tanks came within 24 km. of Moscow seemed sufficient to stop a panic among citizens who were either fleeing eastward on foot or helping themselves to what was left in the almost empty city.

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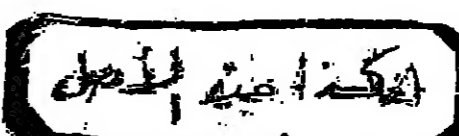
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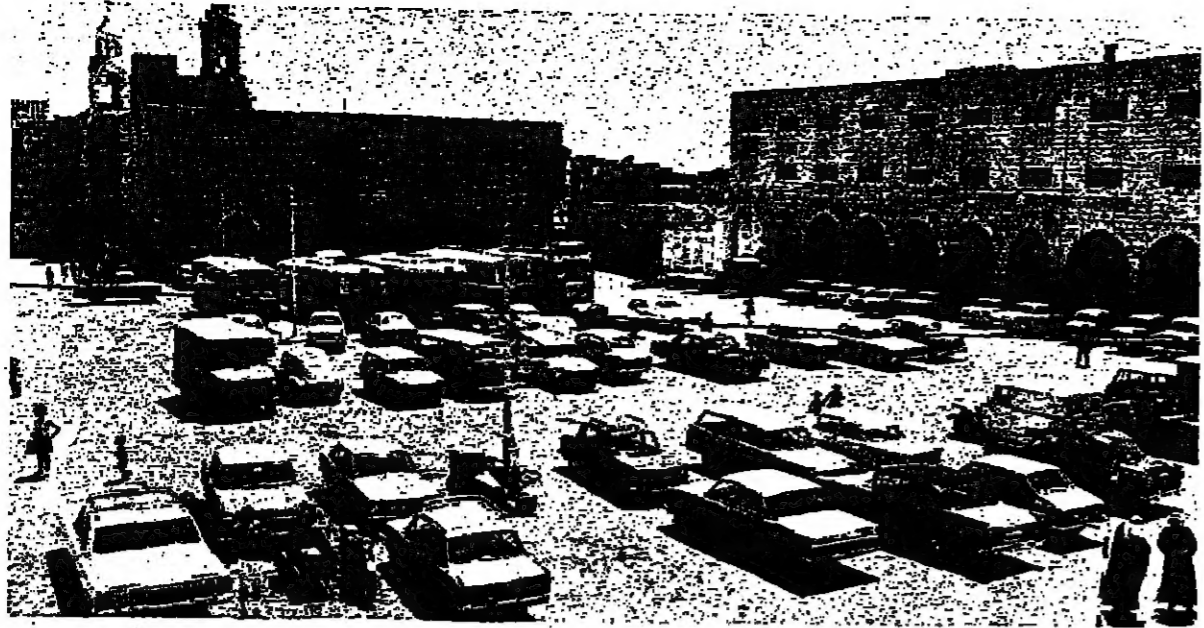
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Bethlehem preparing for Christmas PARKING LOT INTO PIAZZA



Manger Square, with the Church of the Nativity in the background.

By ANAN SARADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BETHLEHEM — The noted U.S. architect Philip Johnson is working on plans to transform Manger Square, in the heart of this town, from a parking lot into an Italian-type piazza.

The rebuilding of Manger Square, outside the Church of the Nativity, is a project of the Bethlehem Foundation, recently formed by Mayor Elias Freij. Mr. Johnson's firm was retained by New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, whose aid Mayor Freij sought when the Governor visited here during his tour of Israel last August.

The Foundation has been set up to beautify Manger Square and reconstruct the surrounding Old City area, most of which was built by the Crusaders. Mr. Johnson and his partner, John Burgee, visited this town following Governor Rockefeller's call. They wrote to Mr. Freij this week, saying that their firm was already working on the reconstruction plans.

Implementation of the plans will involve an archaeological dig and construction in the area of a four-story complex near the present three-story commercial centre, built at the southern edge of Manger Square two years ago with Military Government help.

Meanwhile, Bethlehem has been bringing up coloured lights and making other preparations for the Christmas celebrations. More pilgrims than ever before are expected to attend this year. Thousands more are to spend the holiday in other sites, mainly Nazareth and Jerusalem.

Most of the pilgrims are due to

arrive in an estimated 140 organized groups. About 14,000 pilgrims will be coming later this week on 70 El Al flights for the mission. Other airlines will be running extra flights on the weekend. Some 4,500 pilgrims will arrive by sea on 11 special cruise ships. The latter include 1,000 children from Britain and 300 people from Yugoslavia.

Some 15,000 pilgrims are expected to attend the Christmas Eve celebration in Bethlehem which will be the first time he relayed by Israel Television to the outside world via communications satellite. A score of foreign choirs including about 1,500 members will take part in the celebrations before the Mid-night Mass. The choirs will include three American groups due to arrive on Thursday, accompanied by Apollo-15 astronaut Lt. Colonel James Irwin.

The choirs will appear at Manger Square, where a closed TV circuit will enable worshippers to follow the proceedings within the nearby St. Catherine's Church, whose capacity is limited.

The scores of foreign correspondents who have already arrived in Bethlehem for Christmas have been treating the event from two main angles: Mayor Freij's complaint of the Christian world's indifference to Bethlehem, and the peace prevailing in the region this Christmas.

A beam from a London newspaper earlier this week brought Santa Claus to town on a donkey to distribute presents to children.

As in the past years, traffic into Bethlehem on Christmas Eve will be limited in order to provide space for the thousands of pilgrims ex-

pected. The Military Government will issue instructions on Wednesday.

Traffic restrictions will not affect movement to Bethlehem on Christmas Day, Monday, but only on Sunday, Christmas Eve, which will begin with the traditional procession of the Latin Patriarch from the Old City of Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

The Jerusalem Municipality will on Thursday morning distribute Christmas trees to foreign residents and members of the Diplomatic Corps at Jaffa Gate between 10 and 12 o'clock.

Pope says world peace requires faith in U.N.

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul VI said yesterday that the possibility of world peace depended on the survival of popular faith in such peace-seeking organizations as the U.N.

"If their inefficiency were to cause fatal disillusionment in the minds of men, peace would thereby be defeated and with it the progress of civilization," the Pope said in a message marking next January 1 as the Roman Catholic Church's "World Day of Peace."

Yesterday the Pope also expressed alarm about the "preoccupying spread" of narcotics abuse among the young and very young. He called for an education campaign to teach even small children about the danger of drugs. (Euter, UPI)

At the Cinema Flawed but powerful drama

IN THE ASSASSINATION OF TROTSKY (Dekel, Tel. Aviv), American director Joseph Losey switches from the delicacy of touch of his recent masterpiece, "The Go-Between," to a much more dramatic subject.

The production — which sticks fairly closely to the known facts — traces the events leading to Leon Trotsky's murder in Mexico City in August, 1940, starting off some three months earlier with a stirring May Day parade there with anti-Trotsky overtones. We see Trotsky, exiled by Stalin, living in a fortified villa in the city's suburbs. After an abortive attempt on his life by local Stalinists, the killing is assigned to Frank Jenson (Alain Delon), an enigmatic character whose mistress (Romy Schneider) has worked for Trotsky and brings the two men together — though why Trotsky trusted such a suspicious-looking person is not clear.

Richard Burton's Trotsky is an ageing, ailing man, dictating Marxist manifestos and feeding his rabbits, and it is hard indeed to reconcile him with the fiery man of action who commanded the Red Army and, with Lenin, played the leading role in the 1917 October Revolution. Even if this is a true portrayal, it is a defect from a dramatic point of view, and is accentuated by inadequate references in the film to Trotsky's earlier life as a man of destiny. The only allusion to his Jewish origins comes just seconds before the assassination, when he recounts to Jenson what he calls "a Jewish joke of Bronstein Trotsky" (Bronstein was his real surname).

But there is still plenty to admire in this beautifully-produced and well-acted piece, even if judged solely as a political thriller which holds one's interest throughout.

Losey directs with his usual skill, although some might object to the crudely depicted in the long battle fight scene, no doubt introduced to prepare us for the horror of the coming murder. It is a measure of his talent that, though we know how the film is going to end, the suspense is nevertheless absolutely gripping as Jenson prepares to kill Trotsky with the famous ice-pick. In spite of its shortcomings, this is a powerful piece of cinema. J.L.

STEELERS TOP LEAGUE AFTER FORTY YEARS

AFTER 40 years, the Pittsburgh Steelers are finally champions of the American Conference's central division in the U.S. National Football League. They did it Sunday with a 24-2 victory over the San Diego Chargers.

The Steelers, playing with the knowledge that Cleveland had already beaten the New York Jets 28-10, knew full well that a loss would cost them the divisional title. But by the half, it was obvious Pittsburgh wasn't going to let the Browns sneak in through the back door and grab the crown.

A loss by the Steelers would have tied them with Cleveland, each at 10-4, and the Browns, by virtue of a better record against central division foes, would have won the title and the coveted home-field advantage in next weekend's playoffs.

Instead, the Steelers, with an 11-3 record, the best in their history, have the home field and will host AFC West winner Oakland next Saturday, while the Browns, as the conference's "wild card" team, must face the unbeaten, untied Dolphins in Miami on Sunday.

The Dolphins made it a perfect season on Saturday with a 16-0 victory over Baltimore. A few hours later, the San Francisco 49ers won the National Conference West championship with a last-minute 20-17 victory over Minnesota.

In next weekend's NFC playoffs, the 49ers will host Dallas' "wild card" Cowboys on Saturday and Green Bay will be at Washington on Sunday.

In the rest of the regular-season finals on Sunday, the Oakland Raiders beat the Chicago Bears 25-21, the Buffalo Bills defeated the Washington Redskins 24-17, the Cincinnati Bengals mauled Houston's Oilers 31-17, the Green Bay Packers downed the New Orleans Saints 30-20, the Kansas City Chiefs edged the Atlanta Falcons 17-14, the St. Louis Cardinals nipped the Philadelphia Eagles 24-23, the Detroit Lions clawed the Los Angeles Rams 24-17, the New York Giants silenced the Dallas Cowboys 23-3 and the Denver Broncos drubbed the New England Patriots 45-21.

The Steelers got their touchdowns on two-yard runs by Franco Harris and John Fuqua and Terry Bradshaw's 17-yard pass to Ron Shanklin — but it was the defence that really did the job.

Tackle Joe Greene and linebackers Andy Russell and Jack Ham led a relentless rush that forced John Hadl into throwing four intercepted passes. The Chargers also coughed up three fumbles.

The Browns rode Mike Phipps' arm past the Jets. He fired two touchdowns to Frank Pitts in the second half, the first one an 80-yard play that broke a 10-10 tie.

Charlie Smith caught two touchdowns passes for the Raiders, one apiece from Daryle Lamonica and Ken Stabler, and Clarence Davis ran 46 yards for a fourth-quarter score that kept the Bears at bay.

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match which ended Sunday in Hobart.

Tasmania, resuming their second innings at 103 for three, added 108 in 141 minutes, before being dismissed for 211.

Team captain Intikhab Alam again shattered Tasmania with his well-flighted leg spinners, snapping up four wickets for 33 runs. This gave Intikhab match figures of 12 for 87, following his devastating eight for 54 performance in the first innings, when Tasmania was shot out for 182 in reply to the Pakistanis' score of 397 for seven declared.

The touring team's victory march was held up by defiant knocks from Rodney Cass, and all rounder Tony Benworth.

Wicket-keeper Cass, who plays for English County Side Worcestershire, batted 213 minutes for 73, while Benworth remained undefeated with a brisk 45 in 69 minutes. The first test between Australia and Pakistan is due to start on Friday in Adelaide, with Australia a firm favourite, despite Pakistan's impressive win over Tasmania.

BOXING

A WORLD Featherweight title fight held in Mexico between Jose Legra of Spain and Clarence Sanchez of Spain on Saturday night was one for the record books.

For what appears to be the first time in 34 years, a reigning world champ lost his title on the scales. He also got knocked down 10 times and faces a fine for refusing to shake.

Sanchez, who was making his first defence of his World Boxing Council title, could not get down to the 126-pound featherweight limit, so he lost the crown before he entered the ring.

The Ring record book lists only two other occasions in modern boxing history when that has happened — in the bantamweight class in 1925 and the flyweight class in 1938. Legra went on to stop Sanchez in 10 rounds and win the title outright. Had Sanchez won, the title would have been declared vacant.

The 10 knockdowns Sanchez suffered rank among the most recorded in any title fight ever. The most recent comparison in the Ring record book was the Floyd Patterson-Tom McNeely fight on December 3, 1961. McNeely was dropped eight times in losing that heavyweight title fight. Only four times in boxing history has a single fighter been dropped 10 or more times in a title bout.

To add to Sanchez' woes, the boxing commission announced it would fine him 5,000 pesos (\$100) for refusing to remove his beard before entering the ring.

Fine doubled for filthy flour sacks

HAIFA — Sacks used by flour mills — at least in Haifa — fail to undergo disinfection and as a result often contain insects and other foreign bodies.

This fact was revealed in the Haifa District Court yesterday when it allowed the State's appeal against the lightness of a fine imposed on the Mann flour mill here, after insects' larvae had been found in their sacks.

The company's managing director, Mr. L. Neufeld, told the court the sacks came from a firm which collects used sacks from flour mills, cleans them but does not disinfect them. He said insects and other forms of filth were a common occurrence.

The court doubled the flour mill's fine from IL300 to IL600, saying it was their responsibility to see to it that the sacks they use are perfectly clean. The court also ordered the situation to be brought to the attention of the Health Ministry. (Him)

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N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	500	367
Baltimore	5	9	0	357	235
Buffalo	5	11	0	311	257
New England	3	11	0	314	192

Central

X-Pittsburgh	11	3	0	798	343
A-Cleveland	9	7	0	714	268
Cincinnati	5	6	0	571	259
Houston	1	13	0	671	164

West

X-Oakland	10	3	0	750	365
Kansas City	8	6	0	571	287
Denver	5	9	0	357	235
San Diego	4	4	1	321	264

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp.
X-Washington	11	3	0	798	398
N-Dallas	10	4	0	714	319
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	371	251
St. Louis	4	9	1	321	198
Philadelphia	2	12	1	179	145

Central

X-Green Bay	10	4	0	714	364
Detroit	8	5	1	607	339
Minnesota	7	7	0	598	391
Chicago	4	9	1	321	235

West

X-San Francisco	8	5	1	607	383
Atlanta	7	7	0	558	329
Los Angeles	6	7	1	464	291
New Orleans	2	13	1	179	215

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Business and Finance

GATT PANEL AIRS ISRAEL PLAINT

By DAVID KRIVINE Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent Israel's complaint against Britain's quota limiting the import of cotton textiles comes up tomorrow or the third time before a Gatt panel in Geneva.

By another 25 per cent, after which there will be no quotas for anybody. By then the hard-pressed Lancashire industry will be supported by tariff barriers instead (the European ones) against undercutting supplies from India, Pakistan and Hongkong, which at present enjoy free access in Britain.

Yugoslavia, Israel to cooperate on fish breeding

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA — Israel and Yugoslavia are to cooperate in various aspects of fish breeding. Agreement in principle was reached with a mission of three Yugoslav experts, who have just completed a ten-day visit, the spokesman of the Oceanographic and Limnological Research company announced yesterday.

Fear of extension

Larking behind these disruptions is the fear that quota arrangements or other forms of trade discrimination may be extended to wool and synthetics. The U.S. has lately persuaded four big supplier countries — Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Hongkong — to ration voluntarily their export of all textiles (cotton and other) to the American market.

EL AVIV STOCKS

LOW TURNOVER

EL AVIV. — Turnover was low yesterday, with ILSm. worth of area traded compared to ILS.26m. traded on Sunday.

WALL STREET

Closing Mon., December 18, 1972 Prices fall sharply NEW YORK (AP). — Stock market prices fell sharply yesterday in response to new setbacks on the road toward peace in Vietnam.

Foreign Exchange

Table with columns for currency (Dollar, D Mark, Swiss Fr, French Fr, etc.) and exchange rates.

INTERBANK INTEREST RATES

Table with columns for interest rates (3 Months, 6 Months, 12 Months) and percentages.

Tenant's firm can use premises

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on November 15, 1971 (in C.A. 630/70).

The appellants rented premises to the first respondent, the lease expressly denying him the right to transfer the premises to another person or allow another person to use them.

The appellants then went on to consider the appellants' argument that the respondent had also transferred the lease to the company and in so doing had abandoned the premises, thus losing his right to any remedy in justice.

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LAW REPORT Edited by Doris Lankin TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1972 No eviction for tenant who allows his company to use premises

138/54, P.D. 10/1986 and others). In the particular case under consideration, the appellants had not, in his opinion, succeeded in proving that the respondent had in fact re-let the premises to the company or transferred his lease to the company.

Returning to the question of whether the respondent had been entitled to a remedy in justice after allowing the company to use the premises, contrary to the terms of his lease, Justice Kahn held that there was nothing in the evidence to point to any bad faith on the part of the respondent or to any deliberate attempt to mislead the appellants.

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SHOW TRIALS AGAIN

THE impending show trial of Fyotr Yakir in Moscow has no direct Jewish implications. Yakir has been a leading figure in the group of activists for Human Rights who have been working within the closely limited sphere of Soviet intellectuals seeking some opportunity to express their views.

The right of free expression is in theory guaranteed by the Soviet constitution. Seven years ago, when Sinyavsky and Daniel stood trial, students waved slogans in Pushkin Square demanding open court proceedings in the name of "respect for the constitution." But constitutional rights in the Soviet Union are interpreted by the K.G.B., the state secret police, and not by the courts. Protesters who were not sufficiently circumspect were sent to camps in Siberia, where conditions are notoriously harsh.

Many of the political "dissidents" in the Soviet Union are or were Jews. A good many of the Jews have been allowed to emigrate to Israel, with the Soviet authorities apparently anxious to spread the impression among Russians that "the Jews are running away." In fact the "dissident" group and the Zionist movement in Russia, though once closely linked, have moved in quite different directions.

Fyotr Yakir has had no links with the Zionist movement in

Russia. He is the son of Yona Yakir, the Jewish general who was purged by Stalin back in 1937. Fyotr himself spent 18 years in a series of prisons before he reached 30. He became the spokesman of the Liberals in Moscow and one of their best contacts with the Western press — according to the testimony of the "New York Times" correspondent in Moscow. Now he has apparently cracked up under the apparent Soviet investigation as he warned a friend he might do before his arrest. Moreover, he reportedly told his daughter, who visited him, that he had become convinced the Liberals' fight was being exploited for anti-Soviet propaganda abroad.

We are no doubt heading for a trial like that of Radek, in which the accused are presented voluntarily confessing all the crimes with which they have been charged.

"Liberalism" was never fully tolerated in the Soviet Union, although, under the impact of the so-called thaw, a small group of the intelligentsia was permitted to pursue its quest for free thought, though under K.G.B. supervision.

Apparently it is now felt that these efforts have gone too far. According to the opinion of Andrei Zakharov, the head of the Human Rights Association in Moscow, the K.G.B. believes that the West is so eager to do business with the U.S.S.R. that it will overlook a few encroachments upon the liberties of persons of no political weight. This view (reported by the "New York Times" correspondent) most likely reflects normal Russian political crudity.

The Soviets might remember that in 1933 the West and the Soviet Union were ready to compromise with Hitler, believing he sought to eliminate only the Liberals and the Jews, and would leave others alone. By the time the West realized that the persecutions of Liberals and Jews were only symptoms of a far-reaching expansionist plan, it was already too late.

Political control of South Vietnam is the basic issue What's delaying peace

By KENNETH J. FRED WASHINGTON (AP). — The disagreements Henry Kissinger says are holding up a Vietnam settlement are more than problems of semantics. They go to the heart of what the war is about and make it unlikely there will be peace soon.

For the remaining two issues concern the political control of the South. In other words, should South Vietnam be guaranteed the right of an existence independent of North Vietnam.

Kissinger, in his first public discussion of the negotiations with the North Vietnamese since his October 26 statement that "peace is at hand," refused to discuss the substance of the troublesome details.

But he inched close on several occasions in his news conference on Saturday. "We wanted," he said, "some reference in the agreement, somehow, however elusive, however indirect, which would make clear that the two parts of Vietnam would live in peace with each other and that neither side would impose its solution on the other by force."

North Vietnam has always insisted there is only one Vietnam and the Saigon regime has subverted the Geneva agreement ending the war with France by insisting on a separate life.

Temporary marker In Hanoi's eyes, the demilitarized zone at the 17th Parallel is not a permanent international boundary but only a temporary truce marker.

In the first of the nine points outlined in the tentative agreement, the U.S. agreed to language that seemed to support this view: "The United States respects the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam as recognized by the 1954 Geneva agreements."

Who changed position is uncertain. What is clear is that neither Kissinger nor his Hanoi counterpart, Le Duc Tho, had the

same concept about the meaning of the tentative accord. The United States is seeking a settlement with enough political stability to provide a "decent interval" between the end of the fighting and any resumption of conflict.

This "decent interval" would give South Vietnam time to establish itself in the countryside and the United States time to escape blame for a sellout of its ally if and when the conflict resumes.

Hanoi wants a cease-fire with a loose understanding of the political agreement so it can continue

its military support of its Vietcong ally. Kissinger said, "We cannot accept the proposition that North Vietnam has a right of instant intervention in the South."

Thus, when Kissinger said, "We have an agreement that is 99 per cent completed... we are only one decision away from a settlement," he was talking only of quantity.

For Hanoi to give Kissinger what he wants on this point would remove any claim it would have for legitimately intervening in the South if Saigon and the Vietcong start fighting again.

That the settlement is broken down over this crucial point is supported by a disagreement over a "technical" point, as outlined by Kissinger.

This deals with an international force to supervise a cease-fire. According to Kissinger, "our estimate was that several thousand people were needed to monitor many provisions of the agreement."

"The North Vietnam perception is that the total force should be no more than 250, of which nearly half should be located at headquarters and that it would be dependent for its communication, logistics and even physical necessities entirely on the party in whose area it was located."

Hanoi's interest Hanoi's demand supports the observation that North Vietnam is not interested in a tightly controlled and permanent peace. Further, Hanoi is aware that the failure of the International Control Commission (ICC) to supervise the Geneva agreements effectively was due in part to its lack of size and mobility.

Both the United States and North Vietnam stands on the nature of the agreement seem to result in peace from the role played by South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu since the October 26 disclosures. Thieu demanded that all North Vietnamese troops pull out of the South, that the 17th Parallel be re-established as a permanent border and demilitarized zone and that his government be acknowledged as having full and unlimited sovereignty.

Though Kissinger said Saturday that "none of these U.S. proposals had asked for a withdrawal of North Vietnamese forces," it appears Kissinger did press Le Duc Tho on the other issues raised by Saigon.

'Fundamental point'

"We cannot make a settlement which brings peace to North Vietnam and maintains the war in South Vietnam," he said. In the same segment of the exchange with newsmen, he referred to "the fundamental point" holding up an agreement. Asked to elaborate, he declined but went on to refer to a demand that "the parties of a peace settlement should live in peace with one another."

The North, some diplomatic sources say, viewed this American position as a change forced by Thieu. If Kissinger switched on this, one source said, Hanoi may have felt he could not be trusted on other issues. Therefore, North Vietnam hardened and sought more strictly worded provisions.

The negotiations are not over, according to both Tho and Kissinger. But if the Paris talks are to end the conflict, one side or the other will have to make a major change in position.

ISRAEL: "ANNOYING, ISN'T IT?!"



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JUDGES ARE HUMAN TOO

With Prejudice by Alex Berlyne

IT looks as if Udi and the boys have been judged and found guilty and all that remains to be done is the traditional bit with the firing squad, the blindfold and the last cigarette.

The Minister of Police and the Attorney-General seem to find nothing objectionable in all the pre-trial publicity. Mr. Hillel has pointed out that there will be no jury to be influenced by all the newspaper and TV exposure, only three wise judges, presumably completely impartial, objective and, to some extent, not even human.

Well, though I've not yet put in an appearance in the dock, I have served on juries and appeared as a witness on a number of occasions, not to mention frequent attendance in the public gallery (drawn by a morbid sense of curiosity) and I long since came to the conclusion that judges as well as juries are all too human and not at all infallible.

Lost faith Not too long ago, assisted by a rather hefty paratrooper, I arrested an excitable American tourist who had bashed a Jerusalem shopkeeper over the head with a chair in a dispute about overcharging. Eventually I was called as a witness and had to admit in cross-examination that the tourist had shown me some livid stripes on his arm which he claimed resulted from some licks the shopkeeper had got in first. In his summation the judge more or less called me a liar and it was clear to all present in the way he said it that he believed that these two "Anglo-Saxons" had contrived the story — a point which had not even been suggested by the prosecution and which he'd invented out of the whole cloth. I went off muttering darkly about the law being an ass and have never recovered my faith in our magistrates, those depositaries of the law, the living oracles, or, rather, in their ability to consider only the evidence.

Even the great Blackstones once earned the following criticism: "He had only the

vaguest possible grasp of the elementary conception of law. He evidently regarded the law of gravitation, the law of nature and the law of England as different examples of the same principle," so I was hardly surprised when, a couple of years ago, a Tel Aviv magistrate discharged a prostitute on the grounds that her occupation was condoned in the Bible, happily ignoring the inconvenient fact that her specific offences—leprosy and soliciting—contravened the law of modern Israel.

Quite often the antics of the bench would be very, very funny if they weren't so tragic. There is a story in Campbell's "Lives of the Chief Justices" of a 19th century English judge who sentenced a forger to death at Stafford Assizes with an exhortation to prepare for the next world where he might "experience that mercy which a due regard to the credit of the paper currency of the country forbids you to hope for here."

Some years ago, sitting in the jury box at Newington Sessions, I found myself depending on the commonsense of the other eleven good men and true because it was patently obvious from the moment the accused villain appeared in the dock that the old fossil on the bench had already decided on his disposition and that the testimony on the grounds that her occupation was condoned in the Bible, happily ignoring the inconvenient fact that her specific offences—leprosy and soliciting—contravened the law of modern Israel.

Hoary myth Now in my opinion she'd arrived at the correct decision for the wrong reasons, just like her contemporary in the wig and robes. All this is very human but it hasn't very much

to do with the law. My point is that judges may very possibly be influenced by their particular likes and dislikes, or by what they've already learned of a case, and it is just a hoary myth that maintains they are incapable of such mortal shortcomings. There are other myths just as difficult to sustain. For instance, it is unheard of for the prosecution to refer to an accused's criminal past, but it takes no time at all for a jury to twig that if the defence fails to say something along the lines of "Here is my client, a man of unblemished reputation; etc." then it is practically certain that he has served time.

Mistaken identity Of course it works both ways. My fellow-jurymen were particularly impressed with a rather hammy closing speech for the defence claiming mistaken identity and pointing out, in rather drawn-out plummy tones: "It could, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, happen to one of you!" After this they were all inclined to ignore the mountain of corroborative evidence which the prosecution had so patiently assembled and which the defence had so signally failed to demolish. I once watched the redoubtable Rose Henriques, Q.C. (now elevated to the bench where I'm sure her full-bottomed wig makes her look more attractive than ever) defend some tearaways who had burgled a bookie's house in Liverpool and allegedly murdered his son. Her defence was something along the lines of pure comedy, I thought. Here were these four hard-working burglars, practising their ancient craft, when the boy, as adolescents will, managed to hang himself in the next room. Sinner could-dence! It could happen to anybody. I didn't think it half so funny when the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty.

ISRAEL PRESS

MYSTERY BROADCAST

A number of papers discuss the item broadcast over Israel Radio — and later denied — concerning an ostensible warning issued by Israel to Jordan, that Israel was gravely perturbed by Jordan's change of policy.

Ha'aretz (non-party), heading its editorial "Mystery of the Odd Broadcast," declares: "The reporter who handed in the item is not to blame, for he apparently received it from a high-ranking source. The news desk, however, erred by repeating the item throughout the day."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) suggests that Jordan's sharp reaction to the broadcast proves that "there is indeed a shift in Jordan's position on the question of territorial activity." The paper elaborates: "This shift is ascribable to King Hussein's disappointment that the normalization between Israel and Jordan has borne no fruit for him, that during this period Israel is creating facts in the West Bank and that Israeli politicians are drawing final borders on the banks of the Jordan. In short, Israel has taken no move which would prove to King Hussein that his policy is, in fact, paying off."

Readers' letters

Need for U.N. offensive

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — May one respectfully suggest to our government that it is high time that Israel go over from the defensive to the offensive in the United Nations.

Surely it should be possible for Israel to introduce a resolution condemning Egypt for its refusal to enter into negotiations with Israel and Syria for its rejection of all the United Nations resolutions in regard to Israel. Israel might also suggest that sanctions should be imposed on both countries if they persist in their declared intentions to wage war against Israel which is a member state of the United Nations. This would provide an opportunity for Israel to place all the facts before the world. Although there is no likelihood that such resolutions would be passed, at least the move would take some of the heat off Israel and provide an opportunity to demonstrate that it is the other parties who are at fault for the failure to achieve peace in the Middle East.

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